



# Ephesians 6:4

Struggles of Children Now & Then

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## LETTING GO

**Listen**, not preach;

**Ask** them questions, not give them answers;

**Explore** *with* them alternatives;

**Refrain** from reminding them of past mistakes;

**Accept** and **Respect** the decisions *they* make.

*Let our children take responsibility for their actions.*



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